(c) whether, despite the growth in the number of institutes of higher learning, the total all India enrolment in graduate and higher level courses was only three percent of the total enrolments in 1998, and the data for 1990s shows a slow down in improvement in the education levels;

(d) if the answer to parts (a) to (c) above be in the affirmative, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the remedial steps contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA): (a) to (e) The growth of education at primary level has been significant. Primary Schools have increased from 2,10,000 in 1950-51 to 6,42,000 in 1999-2000; Upper Primary Schools from 13,600 to 1,98,000; Enrolment in Primary from 19.2 million to 113.61 million and in Upper Primary from 3 million to 42 million. Similarly, there has been an increase from 7,416 institutions of High / Higher Secondary / Inter / Pre-Jr. Colleges in 1950-51 to 1,16,820 in 1999-2000. The enrolment in High/ Hr. Sec. / Inter / Pre-degree Schools has also increased from 19.1 million in 1990-91 to 27.76 million in 1998-99. Further, there had been continuous increase in student enrolment in higher education as well as the number of institutions providing higher education since independence. Enrolment in higher education was 49.25 lakhs in 1990-91 which increased to 80.01 lakhs in 2000-2001 which shows 62.5% increase over the year 1990-91. Average annual increase in number of students in the last one decade *i.e.*, since 1990-91 is 3.08 lakhs. The absolute increase in student enrolment per year during nineties is around 3 lakhs which does not show any kind of slow down. The Technical Education sector has also kept pace with the changing economy and there has been a steady growth in the sector. The intake capacity has increased over the years and new institutes have come in existence to meet the demands. The number of institutions for graduate courses has increased from 857 in 1997-98 to 980 in 1998-99 and the intake capacity has increased from 1,49,479 to 1,71,180. Similarly, for post-graduate courses, the number of institutions has increased from 1,022 in 1997-98 to 1,276 in 1998-99 whereas the intake capacity has increased from 75,956 to 84,524.

Misleading identity of Information Technology Institutes

2145. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Times of India dated the 9th January, 2001 under the caption 'Talk about IT, IIT, IIIT and the like', highlighting lack of standards and misleading identities of the similarly named Government / private / foreign institutes offering training in information technology; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the details of any proposal to scrutinise the mushrooming growth of the infotech institutes, to grade them according to the quality of courses offered by them and to weed out the sub-standard and fly-by-night institutes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government is aware of the fact that a number of private educational institutions in the country have been prefixing the words 'Indian Institute' / 'National Institute'. This is prohibited under the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950 since this gives an impression of the patronage of the Central Government. The competent authority has been approached to initiate action under this Act and not to register a new society or a company with these names and advise the companies or societies already registered with those names to change their names.

Vacant posts in secondary schools of Uttar Pradesh

†2146. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of posts of Lecturers and Principals lying vacant in secondary schools in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether instructions have been issued to the State Government to fill up these posts; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.